

Guide to the Elizabeth Donnan Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 184

CREATOR: Donnan, Elizabeth, 1883-1955

TITLE: Elizabeth Donnan papers

DATES: 1806-1863

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Manuscripts and typewritten copies of newspaper articles, ships' logs and letterbooks in the Library of Congress relating to the slave trade after 1806, especially during the years 1810-1811, 1816-1821 and 1860-1863. These were collected but not used in connection with her Documents Illustrative of the Slave Trade, published 1930-1934.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the estate of Elizabeth Donnan, 1957.

Conditions Governing Access

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Preferred Citation

Elizabeth Donnan Papers (MS 184). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical / Historical

Educated at Cornell University and Wellesley College; author of Documents Illustrative of the Slave Trade to America (4 vols.) 1930-1934, Economic Principles and Modern Practice (with H.R. Mussey) 1942.

Scope and Contents

The Elizabeth Donnan Papers consist of copies of letter books, ship logs, and newspaper articles relating to the slave trade after 1806. The originals are in the Library of Congress. The years 1810-1811, 1816-1821, 1850, and 1860-1863 are most fully represented. According to a handwritten note sent with the papers Professor Donnan never used the notes for any of her publications.

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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

African Americans
Educators
Slave trade

Occupations

Authors

Names

Donnan, Elizabeth, 1883-1955